BLUE MANTA

Ambon, Banda and Ambon

Ambon to Ambon | Ambon and the Banda Sea



The trip starts with muck diving in Ambon, then crosses the Banda Sea, tracing the perimeter of remote and almost untouched islands.

Marine life is in abundance, from macro critters, sea snakes and schooling fish to the big fish favourites such as manta rays, reef sharks and even the chance of scalloped hammerheads.

In the Ring of Fire, volcanic islands and stunning seamounts are home to huge schools of fish, tunas and other pelagic superstars.

The Banda Islands add excellent visibility, fantastic coral coverage and tremendous numbers of fish, and a visit to one of the Spice Islands rounds it off.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
8 nights	Ambon	Ambon	Certified divers







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Arrival in Ambon

0-2 dives

Boarding from 2pm.
Our staff will meet you upon your arrival to Pattimura Airport, Ambon or local hotel and transfer you to the awaiting Blue Manta.
Arrivals before midday are best so we can make check dive(s) in Ambon Bay before we get underway by 2pm for overnight sail.

DAY 2

Banda Islands (days 2 and 3)

3 dives a day

Diving around Banda Islands with excellent visibility, fantastic coral coverage and tremendous numbers of fish along with potential Hammerhead sightings, plus a visit to one of the Spice Islands.

DAY 4

Ring of Fire (days 4 to 7)

3 dives a day

Diving around Volcanic Islands and stunning seamounts in search of hammerheads, encounter many sea snakes, huge schools of fish, reef sharks, tunas, and other pelagic superstars.



DAY 8

Hukurila Cave and Molana

2 dives

Hukurila Cave and Molana.
Sail back to Ambon where you spend last night on board.
Plenty of time to wash and dry equipment, rest and relaxation, and if need be an early flight the next day.

DAY 9

Check out in Ambon

No diving

Check out (between 5am-10am) after light breakfast and farewells, we transfer to local hotel or airport.
Take your pre-booked flight to Ujung Pandang (aka Makassar), Jakarta or Singapore.

THE DIVING

Diving days and conditions

Diving days

8 days (22 dives)

Ambon and Banda

Water 26-28°C, however deep-water upwellings and thermoclines especially in Sept-Nov can mean temps as low as 25C. Air 22-31°C. Visibility 20-30 metres. Currents medium to strong. Level intermediate to advanced. Best time: March, April, and mid-Sept to early December.

Check in

2pm, 1st day - Laha Bay, Ambon. Or earlier if everyone arrives before and if all trip preparations are completed. Free pickup upon arrival from Pattimura Airport, Ambon or local hotel* (10am) to Blue Manta on trip departure day (transfer time 10 mins).

Check out

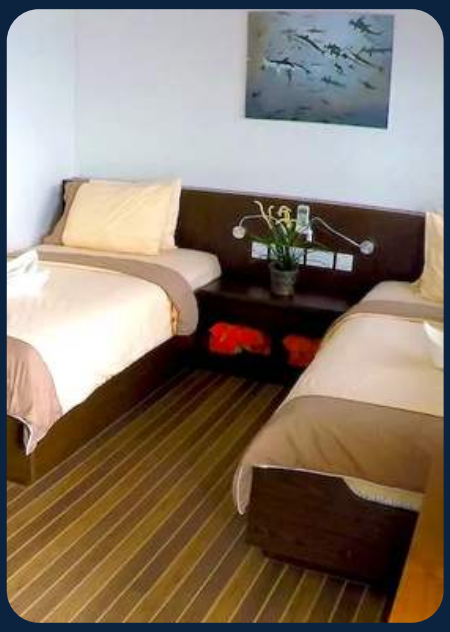
5am, last day - Laha Bay, Ambon. After a light breakfast and fond farewells, we take you to local hotel or Pattimura Airport, Ambon in time for check-in and flight (transfer time 10 mins). Note: Latest Blue Manta check-out 10am, trip return day.

Last dive

12pm, penultimate day. Plenty of time for R&R while we sail back to Ambon where we spend the last night on Blue Manta. This also allows for your minimum 18 hours' surface interval/ No Fly Time (as







INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Land transfer from local hotel / airport from destination on trip start and end days (Ambon) to boat
- All nights' accommodation on Blue Manta
- All meals (Western and Indonesian) snacks, hot beverages, coffee, tea, Milo, soft drinks, towels, toiletries, cabin services
- Free replacement if equipment breaks down
- 12-litre air tanks
- Weights and belt
- Warm towel and drink after every dive
- 6 dive guides (1x instructor, 5x dive master), 22 dives

NOT INCLUDED

- All flights, hotels
- Pickups outside the trip start and end dates
- Marine park and harbour fee (paid in advance of the trip)
- Fuel surcharge (paid in advance of the trip)
- Dive and travel insurance
- Massage services
- Laundry services
- Nespresso coffee, alcohol: beer, wine, satellite wi-fi
- Diving equipment rental
- Nitrox (enriched air) fills

WORTH KNOWING

Key notes

Good to know

All schedules are subject to change according to weather, sea, diving and local conditions

Good to know

3 dives are scheduled per diving day*. This is due to deeper dives and long distances covered between islands. Where possible a bonus night dive may be scheduled at the discretion of the Cruise Leader. *Except trip departure day and trip return day